

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Aravind Sitaraman, et al.  
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Examiner: Alan S. Chou  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING DOUBLE-ENDED  
SOFT PERMANENT VIRTUAL CIRCUIT/PATH CONNECTIONS

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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on April 22, 2011, which sets forth the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-5 and 7-13. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any additional reasons for allowances as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the one or more claimed embodiments.

Respectfully submitted,

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